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SUBJECT: UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM'S TOUR D'HORIZON WITH
MEMBERS OF WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

NEWSOM MET JUNE 26 WITH WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARLIAMENTARIANS LED BY PARLIAMENTARY VICE PRESIDENT ANNEMARIE RENGER. OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP WERE PETER MAENNING, KONRAD PORZNER, MANFRED SCHULTE, AND PETER CORTIER. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON US-FRG RELATIONS, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. END SUMMARY.

2. PARLIAMENTARIANS NOTED THAT DESPITE SOME FRICTIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR, US-FRG RELATIONS ARE BASICALLY VERY GOOD; PUBLIC TONE OF RELATIONS HAS IMPROVED, AND GERMANS LOOK FORWARD GREATLY TO PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT JULY 14-15 AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT JULY 16-17.

3. UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM DESCRIBED US INTERESTS IN AFRICA AND STRESSED THAT CUBAN AND SOVIET FORCES, WHETHER OR NOT INVITED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT, ARE INIMICAL TO PEACE, SINCE THEY OFFER A MILITARY ALTERNATIVE TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS. USG POLICY FOCUSES ON DECREASING TENSIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE THE AFRICANS LESS EXCUSE TO SEEK CUBAN ASSISTANCE.

4. THE UNDERSECRETARY STATED THAT THE USG HAS EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATIVE MOVES IN NAMIBIA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE
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OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT WILL BE RESOLVED, WALVIS BAY POSSIBLY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, THE UNDERSECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT ITS APARTHEID POLICY IS REPUGNANT TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS A KEY TO RESOLVING SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND TO EFFORTS TO CONTROL NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. DEBATE IN THE U.S. THEREFORE CENTERS ON HOW BEST TO PRESSURE SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT STIMULATING A SIEGE MENTALITY.

5. REGARDING MRS. RENGER'S EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MOBUTU WOULD TRY TO GET PAST HIS CURRENT PROBLEMS WITHOUT MEANINGFUL REFORM, THE UNDERSECRETARY NOTED THE COORDINATED DEMARCHES TO MOBUTU FOLLOWING THE PARIS MEETINGS AND STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH MOBUTU MIGHT ENTERTAIN SUCH THOUGHTS, THE USG HAS TOLD HIM HE CAN EXPECT NO AID TO BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS UNLESS HE UNDERTAKES GENUINE REFORMS. THE UNDERSECRETARY SAID THAT U.S. SEES NO HOPE FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE WITHOUT OAU SUPPORT. THE U.S. DOES NOT SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF ANY AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE WITHOUT

THE COMPLETE SANCTION OF THE OAU.

6. UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM DESCRIBED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S MISSION TO ANGOLA, NOTING THAT RHODESIA IS CURRENTLY IN A HOLDING PATTERN WITH NO MOVEMENT TOWARD AN ALL-PARTIES' CONFERENCE.

7. ASKED IF THE U.S. PERCEIVED A SOVIET GRAND STRATEGY LINKING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE, E.G. IN AFGHANISTAN, THE UNDERSECRETARY REPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS SEEM MORE INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WHEREVER THEY ARISE.

8. THE UNDERSECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT OUR MIDDLE EAST
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STRATEGY SINCE THE SADAT INITIATIVE FOCUSES ON A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. A SEPARATE PAPER ON GAZA AND THE WEST BANK IS IN PREPARATION. THE U.S. HAD TRIED TO ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE ISRAELI STATEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA BUT RESULTS HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING. HE ADDED THAT THE USG DOES NOT VIEW AS FINAL ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF THE LATEST EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS. THE UNDERSECRETARY STATED THAT THE U.S. WILL WAIT UNTIL THE PARTIES ARE NEGOTIATING DIRECTLY BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PRESENT ITS OWN PROPOSALS. HE STRESSED THE CONSISTENT USG POSITION THAT THE QUESTION OF A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE SHOULD BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION.

9. THE FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS STRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK IN VIEW OF CONTINUING U.S. ARMS EMBARGO OF TURKEY AND ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS THAT IT WOULD BE LIFTED. THE UNDERSECRETARY EMPHASIZED ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TO THIS END BUT EXPLAINED THAT WE FACE AN UPHILL FIGHT. VANCE

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